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# Urban District Council of Filey



## Report

of the



## Medical Officer of Health

and

## Public Health Inspector

For the Year

**1959**



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(resigned 4.6.1959)  
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Health Office,  
Oxford Street  
Bridlington.

To the Chairman and Councillors,  
Urban District Council of Filey.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1959.

The statistics for the town show slight variation when compared with last year. 52 births and 59 deaths occurred during the year compared with 64 and 61 respectively last year. The birth rate of 11.42 per 1,000 population is still below the national average of 16.5 per 1,000 population, while the death rate of 11.48 per 1,000 population is about the national average. Once again there was no infant deaths, maternal deaths or deaths from tuberculosis during the year. Cancer however still takes its toll, being responsible for one-fifth of the total deaths.

Very few cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year and the incidence of measles was low compared with adjoining districts in the East Riding.

In last year's report I indicated that pollution of the Primrose Valley stream with effluent from septic tanks in the area was a matter of concern. During the year progress was made with the Primrose Valley Sewerage Scheme and construction work on the scheme had commenced at the time of writing.

In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work and help during the year and also to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.H. MAUGHAN.

Medical Officer of Health



# GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres .....	2,106
Population : 1959 Register General .....	4,780
Rateable Value .....	£106,570
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£444
Estimated number of inhabited houses .....	1912

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births

Number .....	52
Crude birth rate .....	10.88
Adjusted birth rate : Comparability factor R.G. 1.05 .....	11.42
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births .....	5.77

### Stillbirths

Number .....	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	37.04
Total live and still births .....	54
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) .....	-

### Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	-
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .....	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .....	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .....	37.04

### Maternal Mortality ( including abortion)

number of deaths .....	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	-
Deaths	
Number .....	59
Crude death rate .....	12.34
Adjusted death rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.93 .....	11.48
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	-
Rate per 1,000 population .....	-
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis .....	-
Rate per 1,000 population .....	-



Deaths from Respiratory Disease .....	3
Rate per 1,000 population .....	0.63
Deaths from Heart Disease .....	22
Rate per 1,000 population .....	4.60
Deaths from Cancer .....	14
Rate per 1,000 population .....	2.93

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live Births .....16.5 per 1,000 population  
Stillbirths .....20.7 per 1,000 total live and  
still births.

Deaths

Death rate .....11.6 per 1,000 population  
Infant mortality .....22.0 per 1,000 live births.



Causes of Death in Filey U.D., 1959 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes .....	33	26
Cancer, stomach .....	3	1
Cancer, lung, bronchus .....	1	-
Cancer, breast .....	-	1
Cancer, uterus .....	-	1
Cancer, other sites .....	1	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	2	-
Diabetes .....	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	6	5
Coronary disease, angina .....	11	3
Hypertension with heart disease .....	-	-
Other heart disease .....	3	5
Other circulatory disease .....	2	1
Influenza .....	1	1
Pneumonia .....	1	-
Bronchitis .....	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis .....	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases .....	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents .....	1	-



Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 Year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Total deaths
Measles .....	-	6	10	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia .....	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	1



INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1949 - 1959

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Scarlet Fever	6	1	5	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	96	21	18	4	37	43	2	37	10	1	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Boliomyelitis (Non Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	40	134	17	195	19	5	149	16	141	11	16
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Pneumonia	17	4	7	3	2	7	6	4	6	18	5
Acute Encephalitis (Post-infectious)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1959 is as follows:-

Under 5 years

65

5- 14 years

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The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1945 and 1959 inclusive is as follows :

Under 5 years

210

5 - 14 years

578

Smallpox Vaccination

The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year is as follows :

Age at Date of vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated .....	27	1	4	2	3	37
Number re-vaccinated ..	-	-	-	-	8	8



Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-</u> <u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of Cases on the Register at 31st December, 1958 .....	11	13	3	3	30
Added to the Register :					
(a) cases notified for the first time during the year .....	1	-	-	-	1
(b) inward transfers .....	2	-	-	-	2
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc..	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1959 .....	14	12	3	3	32



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Scarborough.

Samples of water for chemical analysis are forwarded to the Public Analyst for the East Riding.

### Maternity and Child Welfare

The County Council provide a fortnightly Clinic which is held in the Conference Hall adjoining the Council Offices.

There is one Health Visitor working in the district.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### GENERAL

Progress has been made as regards the Primrose Valley Sewerage scheme, and this should be commenced during 1960. This will improve the condition of the stream which was heavily polluted especially during peak holiday periods when the fresh water in the stream was very low.

The Foreshore generally was clean and satisfactory, but there were occasions when overloading of septic tanks in Hurmanby Gap created a problem, and this area together with Toyal Oak will no doubt receive consideration after completion of the scheme in hand.

### FOOD PREMISES

The hygienic standard of food premises was generally satisfactory. There were no instances when formal action was necessary, informal action being sufficient to obtain improvements where conditions were below standard.

#### Preserved Food - Registered Premises - Section 16. Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

8 premises are registered in the District. 12 inspections have been made and the standard found to be satisfactory.

#### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1944-1954.

One Dairy is registered under these Regulations. 18 inspections have been made of the premises which always presented a high standard of efficiency and cleanliness. 21 samples of Milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all proved to be satisfactory.

#### The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc) Regulations, 1947-1952.

28 premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale or manufacture of Ice Cream. At one only of these premises is Ice Cream manufactured using heat treatment in accordance with the regulations. 19 samples of Ice Cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
16	nil	1	2

### Unsound Food

The following is a summary of unsound food, excluding meat from slaughterhouses, surrendered and disposed of by the Local Authority.

<u>Food</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Canned Fruit	58 lbs
Canned Ham	319 "
Canned Meat	13½ "
Canned Milk	4 "
" Vegetables	21 "
" Sausage	19½ "
" Fish	4 "
Cheese	8½ "
Rice Pudding	2 "



## Slaughterhouses.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district, serving the needs of two local butchers. These slaughterhouses have been operated satisfactorily.

## Meat Inspection

All meat at the two licensed slaughterhouses has been inspected, and the quality of locally slaughtered animals has been very good.

### Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	86	-	-	848	188	-
Number inspected	86	-	-	848	188	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci	16.2	-	-	-	.53	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



## WATER SUPPLY

The water supply has proved satisfactory both as regards purity and quantity. Seventeen bacteriological samples were submitted of which sixteen conformed to Class I Ministry of Health Classification and one failed to reach the required standard. As other two samples taken on the same day proved to be satisfactory, and subsequent samples from the same source were satisfactory, the fault was probably not in the supply, but in the method of sampling or a bottle which had not been sterile. Three samples were submitted for chemical analysis. Typical results were as follows:-

<u>Physical Examination</u>	<u>No. 1 Borehole</u>	<u>No. 2 Borehole</u>
Colour, in 2ft column.	Colourless	Colourless
Appearance.	Clear; practically no suspended matter	Clear: practically no suspended matter
Taste	Normal	Normal
Smell	None	None
<u>General Chemical Examination</u>		
Reaction, pH	7.5	7.4
	<u>Parts per Million</u>	
Free Carbon Dioxide. As CO <sub>2</sub>	None	None
Amoniacal Nitrogen, as N <sub>3</sub>	0.222	0.145
Albuminoid Nitrogen, as N <sub>3</sub>	0.008	0.006
Nitrous " as N <sub>3</sub>	None	None
Nitric Nitrogen, as N <sub>3</sub>	0.6	0.6
Hardness, (E.D.T.A) as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	229	239
Temporary	188	208
Permanent	41	31
Permanganate figure (4 hrs 80°F) as O	0.314	0.286
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	262	264
Total Solids ( at 180°C ).	429	350
Chlorides, as Cl	66	60
Free Chlorine	None	None
Lead etc	None	None
Fluorine	0.17	0.23

The Public Analyst was satisfied with the quality of the water.

## CAMPING SITES

The three licensed Camping Sites and the Site used by the Caravan Club have operated satisfactorily.

## RODENT CONTROL

No major infestations were found during the year, and the system under which this service is free to domestic premises, but a charge made for business premises, is still in operation. Council sewer manholes were test baited, and where there was any evidence of infestation, poison baits were laid.

Number of visits by part-time Rodent Operator ..... 202  
Infestations eradicated ..... 51



## HOUSING

Steady progress has been made in rehousing the tenants of the houses which are included in the first stage of the Queen Street Re-development area.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1938

### 1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health:

Premises	No. on <u>Register</u>	No. of <u>Inspections</u>	No. of Written <u>Notices</u>
(a) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	6	6	Nil
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	26	28	Nil
(c) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	5	5	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) (b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil

## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Houses - Public Health and Housing Acts .....	122
Local Authority properties .....	382
Revisits .....	246
Complaints received and investigated .....	113
Slaughterhouses .....	144
Dairies .....	27
Drainage inspections and tests .....	37
Smoke Observations .....	3
Infectious Diseases .....	3
Butchers Shops .....	22
Grocers. Fruiterers etc, .....	16
Camping Grounds .....	60
School Canteens .....	4
Bakehouses .....	18
Cafe & Hotel Kitchens .....	25
Fish Shops .....	14
Ice Cream Premises .....	51
Cinemas .....	4
Seasonal Stands .....	11
Wasp Infestations dealt with .....	12
Notices served - Informal .....	13
Formal .....	1
Notice complied with - Informal .....	13
Formal .....	Nil





